

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-12
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative
DATE:	April 12, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

The School District of Williamsburg County's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62(VI)(A)(1-2) (R.43-62), Specialized Alternative Certification

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this request is to waive the bachelor's degree requirement of R. 43-62(VI)(A)(1) to allow the adjunct instructor certification process to continue.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-62(VI)(A)(1-2) allows an alternative path to certification for specialized areas. The eligibility requirements state as follows:

A. ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

Eligibility Requirements

- 1. The individual must have earned a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university, and*
- 2. A school district in the state must be willing to employ the individual as a teacher on a part-time basis in a content field at the middle or secondary school level, or in the related arts or physical education at the elementary level.*

When the aforementioned regulation sections are satisfied, the prospective adjunct continues with the application process outlined in R.43-62(VI)(A)(3), *et seq.*

The District is interested in hiring Karl Singletary as an adjunct instructor at the Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts (School). Mr. Singletary is distinguished in the ballet community. He established the Inner City Buffalo Ballet and taught there from 1969-1992; taught at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC; served on several committees with the National Endowment of the Arts; received training with the SC Arts Commission and is now considered an artist in residence; and travels internationally to judge dance competitions. Mr. Singletary now lives in SC and desires to share his craft with the students of the School.

The Office of Educator Services recommends the waiver of the bachelor's degree requirement in this case.

Mr. Singletary's ability to join the District would fulfill a need that is present in the existing district strategic and school renewal under R.43-261, District and School Comprehensive Planning. This need is addressed in the district strategic and applicable school renewal plans.

If granted, the waiver would be effective throughout the five-year district strategic and school renewal plan cycle (2016–17 through 2020–21) provided the district adheres to the remaining provisions of R.43-62(VI)(A), *et seq.*

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

October 2015–January 2016	South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) accreditation team reviews school/district data and documentation for compliance to SBE regulations and accreditation standards. The District Strategic and the School Renewal Plans are examined for compliance with the inclusion of the waiver.
February 2016	Preliminary analysis reports and accreditation ratings are posted online for school and district viewing.
February 2016–March 2016	The SCDE accreditation team works with schools and districts to resolve accreditation deficiencies.
April 2016	The <i>2015–16 Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina</i> , containing the final accreditation status for schools and districts, goes to the SBE for approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST:	N/A
FUND/SOURCE:	N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: ☒ yes ☐ no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments: School District of Williamsburg County's Waiver Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends approval of the following motion: “The SBE approves the waiver of the bachelor’s degree requirement of R.43-62(VI)(A)(1) to allow Mr. Singletary to continue his certification application as an adjunct fine arts instructor in the Williamsburg County Magnet School of the Arts pending successful completion of the remaining regulatory provisions. The School District of Williamsburg County may forgive the bachelor’s degree requirement on Mr. Singletary’s application for the duration of the district strategic and school renewal plan which continues through 2020–21.

ACTION REQUESTFOR APPROVAL: ☒FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ☐